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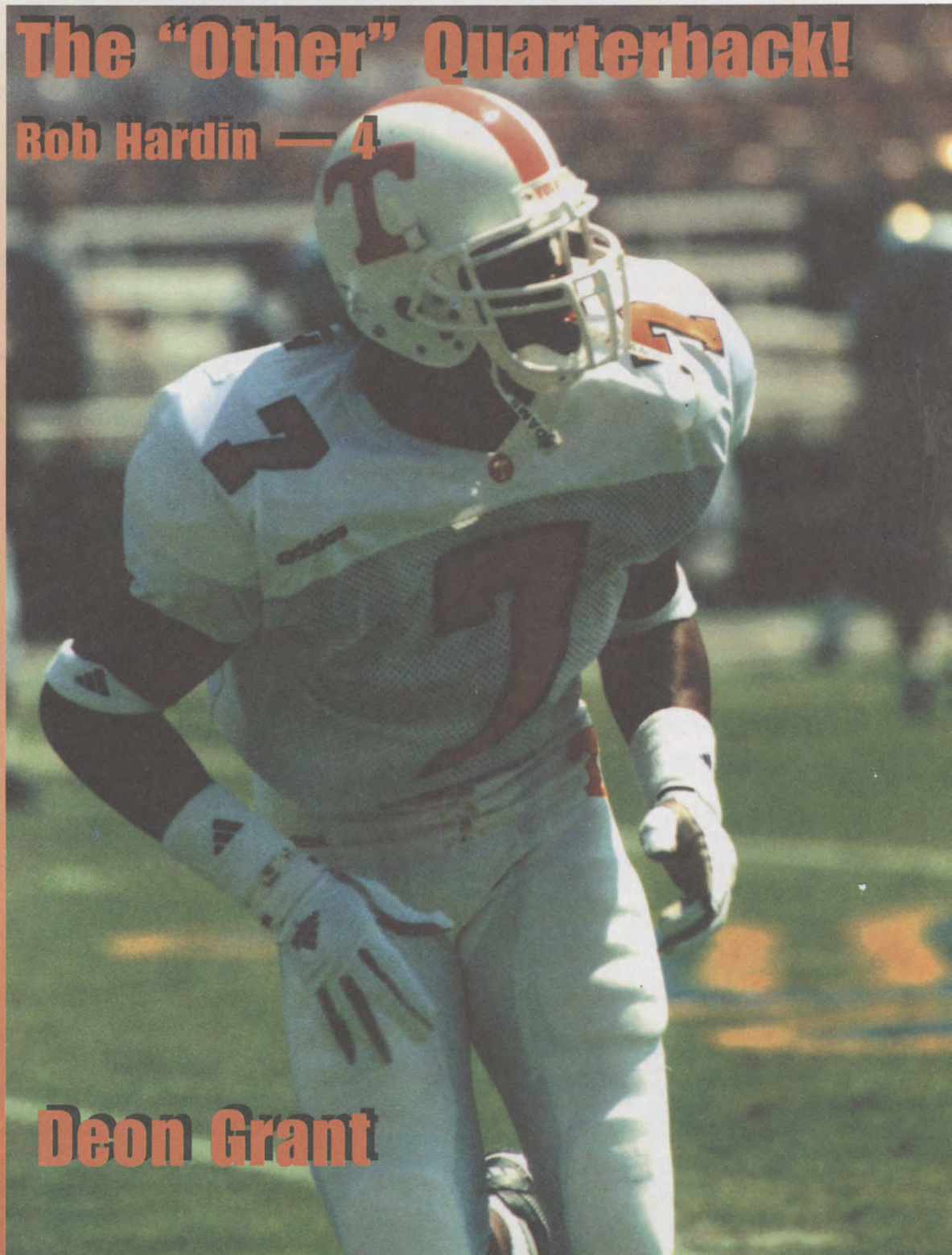

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A Father's Prayer...

From a speech by Archie Manning on September 29, 1988:

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee - and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain." - *Douglas MacArthur*

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A Look at the Vols...

The "Other" Quarterback - Deon Grant!

Everyone knows that Tennessee lost one of its starting quarterbacks from last season.

Quarterbacks? How could Tennessee have had two starting quarterbacks? Well, everyone knows about the one on offense, but there is also a quarterback on defense. That position is known throughout the football world as free safety, but he also acts as the quarterback for the defense.

The offensive quarterback from a year ago is now playing with the Indianapolis Colts. The free safety from a year ago is set to graduate in December and is still trying to land a job with a professional team.

Junior Tee Martin has stepped in as the offensive quarterback and has the Vols off to a 6-0 start for the first time since 1969.

Sophomore Deon Grant has stepped in as the Vols' free safety and the defensive quarterback and helps lead a team ranked nationally in scoring defense and rushing defense.

"Our secondary leadership starts with our free safety, and the leadership role Deon has taken up for us has been tremendous," secondary coach Kevin Ramsey said. "Deon is our quarterback in the secondary. He has been improving with every play, and for a young safety, he is a pretty smart kid. He is on top of things and he is getting even better."

Following the 35-18 win over Alabama, Tennessee found itself ranked ninth nationally in rushing defense by giving up only 92.2 yards a game. After giving up 33 points in the season-opening win over Syracuse, Vol defenders have clamped down on the scoring as well. They only gave up 54 points in the next five games and only allowed two touchdowns over a 13 quarter span. Tennessee ranks eighth nationally in scoring defense at 14.5 points a game.

With the loss of six starters, it didn't appear the Vol defense would be as stout as it has been. But the front seven has been aggressive and putting pressure on the ball, and a relatively inexperienced secondary has been providing solid play.

The secondary had totaled seven interceptions heading into the South Carolina game with Grant grabbing two of them.

His first came in the fourth quarter of the Vols' 20-17 win over Florida. It appeared a Florida receiver was open, but Grant was able to pick the ball out of the air for his first career interception. The interception was due in part to the pressure that was being applied to the quarterback.

"I love the front seven," Grant said. "It is very important for the secondary for the defensive line and linebackers to play well. If wasn't for those guys putting on the pressure, we would not have been able to make some of the plays we have made. I am grateful for those guys."

As much as Grant loves the front

Since entering the lineup , Deon Grant (7) has found a way to be in the middle of just about everything. Last season was a learning experience for the sophomore from Augusta, Ga. This season Grant is earning respect and has already earned SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors. John Karnes photo.

seven, the Tennessee defensive linemen and linebackers appreciate the play of the secondary. If the secondary is unable to cover receivers man-to-man, the pressure the Vols have been putting on quarterbacks would not be possible.

"It helps the front seven a whole lot to have the secondary playing well," linebacker Raynoch Thompson said. "I can't compliment those guys enough for how well they have been playing. In order for us to rush like we do, the secondary is left in one-on-one coverage, and it is hard to do that. We have a whole lot of confidence in those guys, and they are doing a great job."

The entire defense turned in an outstanding effort against then No. 6 Georgia. The Bulldogs' offense was completely stifled in the Vols' 22-3 win, and Georgia quarterback Quincy Carter was only 14-37 and was intercepted twice, once each by Grant and safety Derrick Edmonds.

Part of the reason Carter was ineffective was the pressure put on the by the Vols' pass rush.

"We were able to apply pressure to Carter and get him a little rattled," Thompson said. "He could not make his reads as quickly.

"The pressure has to get there because our cornerbacks and safeties can't be covering one-on-one all day. Coach Chavis shows a lot of confidence in our secondary. Those guys have been able to come up with some interceptions and some big plays."

Defensive coordinator John Chavis also been pleased with the play of Grant.

"We knew coming in as a freshman that he was an outstanding talent, and it was just a matter of him learning the system," Chavis said. "He has gotten better on technique and is doing what it takes to play that position. It goes back to recruiting really good talent to play."

It appeared coming out of Josey High School in Augusta, Ga., that Grant would have what it takes to make an impact at Tennessee. He was a first team *USA Today* All-America and was rated the No. 9 defensive prospect in the nation by *The Sporting News*. He rang up 99 total hits his senior year along with six interceptions and four fumble recoveries.

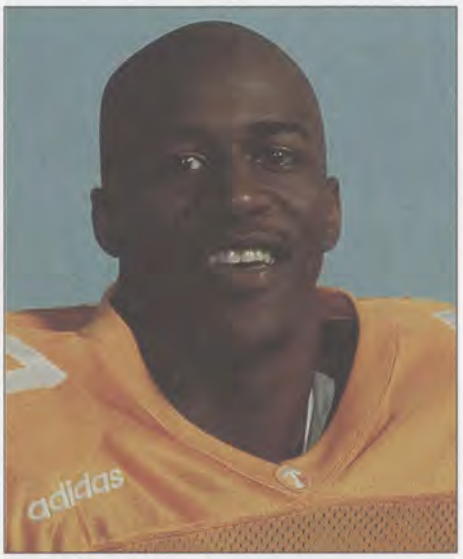
Grant stepped in a freshman and played in every game last season. He was backup to the departed Cory Gaines at free safety and that year of tutelage has paid dividends.

"All along, this team has had a great attitude about helping the young guys out," Chavis said. "If you have a guy who is learning a position from someone who plays it well, it is a lot easier than him not having an example on a daily basis. It has been a big benefit for Deon to come in and get a year of experience from Cory Gaines."

Grant is also appreciate for the time he spent learning from Gaines.

"When I first got here, I just wanted to do what I needed to do to get the job done," Grant said. "I thought I would play as a freshman and have an impact, but I was not sure how much. Cory helped me a lot. He taught me the mental aspect of the game and that you have to watch the film."

But Grant was not the only new starter in the Vol secondary. Besides Gaines, Terry Fair and Tori Noel were also lost. The lone returning starter was Goodrich. Joining Grant as starters were cornerback Steve Johnson and strong safety Fred White.



With a cast of new starters, there was some concern about how quickly the unit would become cohesive.

"The secondary worked hard this summer to make sure we would click together this season and play well together," Grant said. "Everybody is unselfish and is communicating well with one another. We had a great summer, and I thought we would play well together."

The secondary is playing well due in part to the confidence the cornerbacks have in Grant. With the amount of man-to-man coverage Tennessee plays, the cornerbacks are left alone on an island with a receiver. But having Grant patrolling the defensive backfield is comforting.

"It gives Dwayne and myself a lot confidence knowing he is back there," Johnson said. "At cornerback, you have to make the plays. In order to make the plays, you have to gamble, and having Deon back there gives us the opportunity to take chances. We are able to make some plays we would not necessarily be able to make without Deon backing us up.

"No matter what coverage it is, I feel comfortable knowing No. 7 is in the back patrolling everything."

— Rob Hardin

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Martin, Vols Near Perfect!... Vols over Gamecocks, 49-14!

Columbia, S.C., October 31, 1998, Game No. 1023 (684-286-53, .695).

It was over long before it was over. Tennessee, on a big-time roll with a 7-0 record heading into November, brought its traveling road show into Williams-Brice Stadium, scored on its first possession and went on from there to a solid and impressive 49-14 win over South Carolina.

In the most impressive performance of his career, and that's putting it mildly, Vol quarterback Tee Martin was nearly perfect, completing 23 of 24 passes for 315 yards and four TDs, two to Peerless Price and one each to Jeremaine Copeland and Cedrick Wilson. It was Tee who was "Peerless" on this day as he had the requisite response for everything the Gamecocks threw at him.

Tennessee has not opened 7-0 since 1969 and look to do something about going 8-0 on Homecoming next Saturday against UAB at Neyland Stadium.

Martin set an NCAA record with 24 consecutive completions dating back to his last pass against Alabama. His 23 straight completions today set an NCAA record for consecutive completions passes in a single game. His 23 straight completions also broke a school record held by Peyton Manning with 12. He also holds the NCAA completion percentage mark of 95.8.

"It felt good breaking the record," Martin told the assembled media in the din outside the Vol locker room. "I had no idea until Coach Fulmer told me on the sidelines. We were executing everything very well. Everything worked today.

"Our focus now is to try to get better as a team. I think all of us have prepared ourselves to where we want to be as a team. The big difference from here on is to remain confident and be comfortable on the field. If everyone gives his best, we should do fine the rest of the way."

The Vols put 561 yards on the board, with 221 rushing and 340 passing and were an amazing 11-of-12 on third down in as impressive performance as you'll ever see in that little stat.

Of Martin's four TD tosses, it was Price's second TD that made it 28-0 and set the celebration in motion all across the big stadium on the Fairgrounds. Martin found Peerless in the left flat and Peerless did the rest to complete the scoring play untouched. He outlegged everybody down the near sidelines northward, just like he was heading to Irmo up I-26.

Vol defenders Ron Green (#55) and Derreck Edmonds (#33) bring down a Gamecock running back while DeAngelo Lloyd (#99) tries to close in. Game photos by Donnell Field.

Price caught 10 balls for 165 yards, Copeland six for 74 and C. Wilson three for 59.

"We came into this game wanting to have good execution on both sides of the ball," Cedrick said. "Everyone had a role in this win today. Our practices are tough. We worked on everything (plays, techniques, etc.). You name it and we worked on it."

Shawn Bryson, Phillip Crosby and Travis Henry added rushing TDs as the Vols dominated up front on both sides of the ball. Henry rushed 12 times for 96 yards, Travis Stephens 13 for 48.

Jeff Hall knocked home seven extra points in as many tries and is now UT's all-time scoring leader with 318 points and ranks fourth in SEC history, with at least four games to go.

The Vols pushed the margin to 42-0 with 1:14 to go in the third and turned things over to a number of youthful Vols who saw much-needed service in the heat of an SEC game.

Al Wilson grabbed a fumble on the first series, one of three turnovers the Vols forced on the day, and the Vols cashed it in quickly. The payoff came from 21 yards out to Copeland. The Vols squeezed two Carolina drives to field goal attempts in the second quarter and that was good. What was better is that both were missed.

Around the missed fielders, Martin hit C. Wilson for 31 and Price for 27 to set up a wide-open TD pass to C. Wilson from 2 yards out that made it 14-0.

Billy Ratliff blocked a field goal attempt and the Vols had it with 3:57 to go at the 8 coming out and went 92 yards for the score with 15 seconds left. Henry ran for 19 and Martin followed with passes to C. Wilson for 26 and Copeland for 16 more. The score came from 13 yards out as Price made the grab at the flag at the right corner. Dwayne Goodrich had an interception and Martin hit C. Wilson over the middle as the half ended.

The Vols kept the pressure on, starting with the opening possession of the second half. (Is there anybody out there who doesn't believe that the opening possession of the second half is more important than the opening possession of the first half? Stay tuned.)

After a 4-yard gain by Henry, Martin found Price in the left flat and you know the rest. A series later, the Vols were moving northward toward Spartanburg, as Martin found Copeland for 16 and Henry rumbled up the middle for 15 more. Martin found Henry for 20 more on a screen and the sophomore tailback nearly scored, but came up just short inside the one. Bryson scored on the next play and it was 35-0.

Just to show his versatility, Martin

Cedrick Wilson hauls one of four TDs thrown by Tee Martin. Donnell Field photo.

ran for 30 on the next drive, setting up a score by Crosby from a yard out. That made it 42-0 heading into the fourth stanza.

Carolina scored twice in the final stanza, but Burney Veazey led one final Vol drive, sending Henry up the middle for 18 and Will Bartholomew likewise for 14 more. Burney then found David Martin for 25 more and the Vols were at the gate at the south end, right in front of most of the Tennessee faithful, most all of whom were still there. Henry scored, again from a yard out, and, with a late Gamecock score, the margin was established at 49-14.

Henry and Veazey made it exciting near the end, rushing for 27 and 15, respectively, before Veazey took a knee and that was that.

GAME AND WEEKEND NOTES: Fulmer is one of 10 finalists for the Football Writers Association of America's Coach of the Year Award, to be announced Dec. 10. The award is named for the legendary Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson... The Vols are 6-0 this season when scoring first, 61-7-2 in the 1990s... Ratliff's block of a field goal in the second quarter was the first since the 1996 Alabama game... South Carolina's TD pass was the first TD pass given up by the Vols since the third quarter of the Houston game on Sept. 26... Ron Green had a sack... Corey Terry (-2), Goodrich (-1) and Dominique Stevenson (-6) had tackles for loss... DeAngelo Lloyd caused a fumble and Deon Grant added a recovery... Martin is 49-of-64 (.765) for 588 yards, six touchdowns and no interceptions in his last three games... Fulmer is .854 (41-7) versus the SEC, .847 (61-11) against all comers... Tennessee finished second in men's cross-country competition, while the Lady Vols finished third. Doug Ellington finished second at 24:14.24 in men's competition in the meet held at Lambert Acres Golf Course in Blount County.

-- Volunteers Magazine Staff

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Tennessee	5	0	7	0
Florida	5	1	7	1
Georgia	4	2	6	2
Kentucky	2	3	5	3
Vanderbilt	1	4	2	6
S. Carolina	0	7	1	8
WEST				
Arkansas	4	0	7	0
Miss. St.	3	1	5	2
Ole Miss	3	2	6	2
LSU	2	4	4	4
Alabama	2	3	5	3
Auburn	1	5	2	6

SEC Scores: Arkansas 24, Auburn 21; Florida 38, Georgia 7; Ole Miss 37, LSU 31; Vanderbilt 36, Duke 33; Alabama 30, Southern Miss. 20.

Tennessee Statistics vs. South Carolina

Team Statistics	SC	TENN
First Down	19	25
Rushing	6	9
Passing	11	16
Penalty	2	0
Rushing Attempts	33	38
Yards Gained	115	231
Yards Lost	28	10
Net Yards Rushing	87	221
Net Yards Passing	256	340
Passes Attempted	34	25
Passes Completed	18	24
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	67	63
Total Net Yards	343	561
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Int. Return/Yards	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	2/10	5/40
3rd Down Conversions	8/17	11/12
4th Down Conversions	4/4	0/0
Punts/Average	2/47.5	1/28.0
Punt Returns/Yards	0/0	2/19
Kickoff Returns/Yards	6/96	3/51
Sacks By/Yards	0/0	1/9
Time of Possession	28:49	31:11

SCORE BY QUARTER

TENNESSEE	7	14	21	7 — 49
So. Carolina	0	0	0	14 — 14

1T - Copeland, pass from T. Martin 21. Hall kick.
Drive: 7 plays, 49 yards, 3:06 possession, 10:03 on clock.
2T - C.Wilson, pass from T. Martin 2. Hall kick.
Drive: 8 plays, 78 yards, 4:01 possession, 9:27 on clock.
2T - Price, pass from T. Martin 13. Hall kick.
Drive: 10 plays, 92 yards, 3:42 possession, :15 on clock.
3T - Price, pass from T. Martin 71. Hall kick.
Drive: 2 plays, 75 yards, :59 possession, 14:01 on clock.
3T - Bryson, run 5. Hall kick.
Drive: 7 plays, 54 yards, 3:56 possession, 8:38 on clock.
3T - Crosby, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 11 plays, 69 yards, 5:37 possession, 1:14 on clock.
4C - Davis, from pass from Petty 24. Leavitt kick.
Drive: 11 plays, 69 yards, 4:35 possession, 11:39 on clock.
4T - Henry, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 5 plays, 61 yards, 2:13 possession, 9:26 on clock.
4C - Kelly, pass from Petty 14. Leavitt kick.
Drive: 18 plays, 80 yards, 5:25 possession, 4:01 on clock.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Stephens	13	51	3	48	0	9
Henry	12	96	0	96	1	27
T. Martin	4	41	4	37	0	30
Crosby	4	8	0	8	1	4
Veazey	2	15	3	12	0	15
Bryson	2	6	0	6	1	5
Bartholomew		1	14	0	14	0 14
Totals	**38**	**231**	**10**	**221**	**3**	**30**
SC	*33*	*115*	*28*	*87*	*0*	*38*

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
T. Martin	24	23	0	315	4	71
Veazey	1	1	0	25	0	25
Totals	**25**	**24**	**0**	**340**	**4**	**71**
SC	*34*	*18*	*1*	*256*	*2*	*40*

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Price	10	165	2	71
Copeland	7	74	1	21
C. Wilson	3	59	1	31
Henry	2	21	0	20
D. Martin	1	25	0	25
Stephens	1	-2	0	-2
Totals	**24**	**340**	**4**	**71**
SC	*18*	*256*	*2*	*40*

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Leaverton	1	28	28.0	28
SC	*2*	*95*	*47.5*	*55*

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Parker	2	19	9.5	0	14
SC	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Edmonds	2	38	19.0	0	25
Miles	1	13	13.0	0	13
Totals	**3**	**51**	**17.0**	**0**	**25**
SC	*6*	*96*	*16.0*	*0*	*18*

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No	Yds	TD	Long
Goodrich	1	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	Long
Hall	N/A					
SC	*0/1*	*0/1*				

Fulmer File...

SOUTH CAROLINA 1998!

The excitement over Tee Martin's record-setting afternoon against South Carolina left me, the entire coaching staff and the squad with one thought: It couldn't have happened to a finer young man.

Or more deserving, I would add. Tee comes to work every day with the same enthusiasm he had in 1996 when he was a raw freshman trying to get his first feel for the college game.

And on this Saturday night, as we look back on our 49-14 victory, there is no doubt in my mind that Tee will come to practice Monday with the same earnest and humble attitude he brought to campus when he came here from Mobile. He doesn't change, NCAA records or not.

We saw history made at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. One by one, the records fell as Tee surpassed the previous standards for consecutive completions at Tennessee, in the Southeastern Conference and, eventually, the NCAA.

The record book will list Tee Martin of Tennessee as the all-time passing champion. Like almost everything else in football, though, the record-setting barrage was a team achievement. In the dressing room, Tee was the first one to mention the offensive line and the receivers. Our line didn't give up a sack, and our receivers made some dandy catches - stretching, diving, doing whatever it took.

We're not hung up on records at Tennessee, but another one that deserves attention (also achieved by an outstanding young man) was the all-time mark for career scoring. Jeff Hall's final extra point against South Carolina brought his total points as a Vol to 318.

The record we're most excited about - and that includes Martin and Hall - is our 7-0 worksheet for the season. I am tremendously proud of everybody who has contributed in any way toward getting us where we are. We still must prove that we are a great football team, but I am convinced we are a doggone good one at this point.

In this business, you are only as good as what you do the next time out. With four big tests remaining, we must keep our focus and take care of our business one week at a time. Our first goal is to win the Eastern Division championship, and that means making improvement before our game this Saturday with UAB. Every time out, we need to be better than we were in our previous game. So far we have succeeded.

Despite the fact it was taking a severe beating, South Carolina never folded its tent. It's a tribute to Coach Brad Scott and his staff that the Gamecocks played hard all the way. They stacked it up against the run, just like we expected. Fortunately, our passing game enjoyed a superlative afternoon.

The decisive winning margin gave us a welcome opportunity to play our reserves. Distributing playing time is something a coach loves to do, rewarding good effort on the practice field and building depth at the same time.

Our offense hit one more cylinder than at any previous time this season. The passing game created so much attention with Tee's record-setting play that it was hardly noticed that we experienced a big day running the football. Our 221 yards on the ground gave us 561 yards total offense.

More importantly, it gave us a healthy balance between running and passing, which is something we will need if we are going to meet our goal of being a championship team.

— Phillip Fulmer

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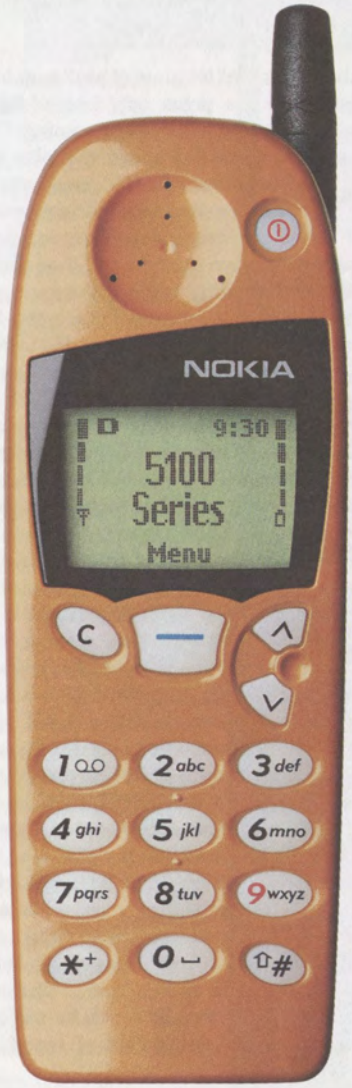

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... They Called Him Johnnie!

Johnnie Jones was a late-blooming flower for the Tennessee football teams of the early 1980s.

For a long while nobody seemed to notice the quiet youngster from Munford in rural West Tennessee. With more experienced tailbacks such as Chuck Coleman and Randall Morris available, he got only four carries in his freshman season of 1981. As a sophomore he rushed for more than 400 yards but still ranked only third string on the depth chart.

1983 was supposed to be his year, but he got off to a terrible start and at one point even considered quitting the team. He missed the opener, a 13-3 loss to Pittsburgh, played sparingly in a win over New Mexico, and then fumbled on his only carry in a 37-14 loss to Auburn. The man who was supposed to be Tennessee's No. 1 ground gainer was advancing in the wrong direction.

"My pride wouldn't let me quit," he said later. "It was discouraging, but I just had to keep working and hoping that things would fall into place. Anybody who starts feeling like quitting should talk to me. I can tell them about a day in Birmingham."

The day in Birmingham was Oct. 15, 1983. Tennessee had finally ended the 11-game losing string to old rival Alabama the year before, but its chances for two in a row looked to be rather slim. The Vols came into the game 3-2 only because two breathers, New Mexico and The Citadel, had been among their five foes. Alabama (4-1) had only lost to Penn State. The Vols were a 13-point underdog.

In contrast to typical Vol-Tide duels of the past, this one turned out to be a wide open, free-swinging offensive shootout. Vol quarterback Alan Cockrell was on target to receivers Lenny Taylor, Clyde Duncan and Tim McGee, and Jones found his stride as the two old foes swapped high-powered salvos.

Tennessee scored on its first scrimmage play via a Cockrell to Taylor pass, but had to rally twice from 10-point deficits in the third period. With three minutes left to play, it was tied at 34-34 and the Vols were facing a third-and-seven situation at their 34-yard line. They had to get a first down or kick it away to the potent Tide offense.

Vol coach John Majors and his offensive coordinator Walt Harris, had different selections for the big third down play. Majors wanted a short pass, but let himself be dissuaded as Harris, up in the press box, lobbied for an option play. Seeing a Tide blitz coming, Cockrell had to audible to change the play from option right to option left. His signal was lost in the din of the crowd at Legion Field, and one guard pulled the wrong way. Even so, the Vol QB ran safely down the line and then pitched the ball to his trailing tailback, Jones.

This is where Johnnie Jones pasted his picture in the UT football album. He took the pitch from Cockrell, cut back between end and tackle, eluded a would-be tackler at the line of scrimmage and then ran like the night wind to the Alabama goal line. That 66-yard excursion ranks right up there with McEver's run and Butler's run and a handful of others as among the greatest in Vol grid history.

It was also the birth of a superstar. From that day on Jones was established as one of college football's top running backs. He finished the '83 season with 1116 rushing yards, the first Vol ever to reach the 1000-yard level. In his senior season, he was even more productive with 1290 yards. Doing most of his work in just two seasons, he finished out his career with 2852 yards on 517 carries for a 5.5 yard average. He was All-SEC in '83 and '84 and All-America in his senior season. The Vols went 16-7-1 over those two campaigns as they continued their upward climb in the rankings.

Jones was so good that near the end of his career that Majors was constantly being asked to compare him with Tony Dorsett, his Hall of Fame running back at Pittsburgh. The coach deftly sidestepped that one, but he did come up with a graphic description of Jones' running style.

"Like all great runners," Majors said, "Johnnie's got a little wiggle."

That little wiggle helped Jones to a new school rushing record, and, after 14 years, he still stands second among the Vols' all-time leaders, just 38 yards shy of James Stewart. And that wide grin he constantly wore helped endear him to teammates and Vol fans. He later played with Seattle in the NFL and Hamilton in the Canadian Football League before ending his professional career after the 1988 season.

Former Vol

Tommy Sims (1982-85)

Tommy Sims came to UT from Americus, Ga., in the recruiting class of 1981-82 and played for the Vols from 1982-85.

Wearing No. 16, he patrolled the Vol secondary for four years and was a seventh round draft choice of the Indianapolis Colts in 1983.

He had seven interceptions during his career and was in on 183 tackles.

He won the Andy Spiva Award as the Most Improved Defensive Player in spring practice 1985. He had a key pass interception and fumble recovery in the 1984 Alabama game.

T-Club records indicate that he now lives in Chattanooga.

Tommy Sims was a captain of the 1985 SEC Championship Volunteer team and was a mainstay in the Vol secondary.

Vols Swamp Kentucky in First Swim Meet of Season

The fifth-ranked Tennessee Volunteers kicked off the 1998-99 dual-meet season with a 140-100 victory over the Kentucky Wildcats in Lexington. The Vols grabbed the lead in the afternoon's first event, taking first and second in the 400 medley relay, and never trailed as they swam several exhibitions in the meet's waning moments.

The Vols were lead by sophomores Zane DeWitz and Shannon Roy who each claimed two victories. DeWitz won the 200 individual medley in a time of 1:53.74 and followed with a winning 200 backstroke time of 1:53.52. Roy swept the diving events by scoring 297.15 off the one-meter board and 313.95 in the three-meter event.

Kentucky's Macon White won a pair of events for the Wildcats, taking the 100 freestyle in a time of 46.36 and the 200 freestyle in a time of 1:42.02.

Other notable efforts for the Vols included Lance Asti winning the 50 freestyle (20.64) in an event that saw the Vols grabbing the top three spots. Asti was followed by teammates Adam Engle (20.74) and Rodney Panek (20.93). Also winning individual events were Steve Cromer in the 1000 free (9:35.35), David Rozado in the 200 fly (1:56.25) and Allen Jones in the 200 breaststroke (2:09.82).

Tennessee returns home to the Student Aquatic Center this Friday (Nov. 6) to face 18th-ranked Virginia at 4:30 p.m.

Hungarian National Team Replaces Puerto Rico Team

Tennessee will play the Hungarian National Team Nov. 9 at Thompson-Boling Arena. The Hungarians replace the Puerto Rico National Team which recently canceled its American collegiate preseason tour. The tipoff for the UT-Hungarian exhibition remains at 7:30 p.m. (EST).

The Vols open their 1998-99 exhibition season with a Nov. 5 date against the California All-Stars at Thompson-Boling Arena in a 7:30 p.m.tipoff. Tennessee, coming off a 20-9 season a year ago, begins its regular season Nov. 13 against Arizona at Albuquerque, N.M. in the annual Black Coaches Association Classic (ESPN 7:30 p.m. EST). The Vols will open their home season campaign with a Nov. 15 game against Tennessee State at 3 p.m. at the Arena.

Peebles Out for the Year

Senior tight end Antron Peebles underwent surgery on Oct. 21 on his right wrist to repair ligament damage. The surgery, which was done by Dr. Robert Ivey at St. Mary's Hospital, will sideline the Murfreesboro product for the remainder of the year. Peebles played in all five games this season and saw action in all 11 regular season games last season.

Golfers Finish Eighth

Tennessees Golfers finished eighth in the Country Club of Louisiana Intercollegiate. The Vols shot rounds of 296-298-304--898, 1 shot from seventh place. Vol golfers Derrick Centers, 74-74--148, and Jimmy White, 73-75--148, posted the highest Vol scores to tie for 22nd. Andy Brimer is in 29th-t place with a two-round total of 149, five-over-par, heading into the final day of competition.

South Carolina was leading the tournament with rounds of 286-284--570, six-under-par. The Gamecocks also had the current individual title thanks to Eric Ecker, 68-70--138. John Bloomfield secured South Carolina's lead with a tie for third, 73-70--143.

East Tennessee State University (572), Florida (583), North Florida (585), and Mississippi State (590) rounded out the top five after two rounds of the Louisiana Intercollegiate.

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Vols in the Community

The Monday preceding an open date is generally a day of rest for the players and coaches. However, on Monday October 12th the VOLS visited four area hospitals in a team community service project. The patients of the East Tennessee Children's Hospital, UT Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, and the Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center all had thirty players dressed in their Orange game jerseys to sign autographs, pose for pictures, talk, laugh, and play games.

Coach Fulmer has always maintained that their is more to being a Tennessee football player than studying, practicing, and playing in big games. "The relationship between our players and the community is important to me. I want our entire football program to become involved and have a positive impact on other people in the community."

In addition to team service projects, individual players visit local schools in conjunction with Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) reading, and "Stay in School" programs. Other projects include visiting boys/girls clubs, churches, and retirement homes. The players also volunteer time to agencies such as the Ronald McDonald House, Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries, and The Jason Foundation. On average the Tennessee football team receives over twenty-five requests per week for various speaking engagements. Senior captain Jeff Hall is one of the most active players on the team for community service. Jeff currently receives over ten requests per week and is already booked up into February of 1999.

Jeff states that "I can't explain the gratification that comes from visiting with children and adults; it is very rewarding to know that I may have an impact on someone's life." Coach Fulmer applauds Jeff's dedication to community service by stating "Jeff does a tremendous job at community service; he takes the responsibility to heart."

David Leaverton especially enjoys spending time visiting girls/boys clubs and those less fortunate. "It is important to me to give something back. I came from a great environment and was very fortunate as a child. I believe that it is my responsibility to bring some excitement and laughter to others' lives." David never leaves a youngster empty handed as he always brings plenty of posters, pictures, and fan pacs to be autographed. "I enjoy being able to spend time with kids; the smile on their faces make it all worth while."

Peerless Price and Al Wilson are also very involved in the community. They spend time with the D.A.R.E. program in local schools. Al stated "Anything I can do to help kids stay away from drugs I'm all for it. Drugs are dangerous and will kill you!" This is a strong message from an intimidating individual and it always catches the attention of kids. "If I'm able to get their attention I hope I can get the message through and make a difference." But it doesn't stop there as Al takes it another step. "I must practice what I preach; it is not right to say one thing and do another."

Coach Fulmer and the coaching staff believe community service is a vital part of the educational process. Coach Fulmer believes so strongly in community service that he uses it in the recruiting process.

"When we recruit young men into this program they know that community service is expected and why it is expected. And further more they see me and the staff involved in community service activities," said Coach Fulmer. "Our players need to realize the impact they can have on the community. That is why it is important for all of our players to be role models who lead by example and take responsible for their actions. Without community service opportunities, I don't believe that a young man or woman can get the total educational experience."

It is evident that the Vols value their community. Their involvement demonstrates their commitment to helping others. If your school or program has an interest in a visit from our players and/or staff contact the UT Football Office at (423) 974-5789 for more information and ask for Kevin Avery or Sarah Houser.

— *Kevin Avery*

The Vols took time during the open date to visit with patients at local hospitals. Patients from four area hospitals were visited by nearly 100 football players and coaches, as they signed autographs and posed for pictures. If you were visited by Ron Green, you might have even have heard a little music. Photos by Donnell Field.

Golf Reunion

Just a reminder that there will be a golf reunion of all former Vol golfers on Nov. 13. Those interested in participating in this event need to call (423) 974-1433 for more information.

Lettermen's Weekend

Nov. 21 has been set as the date for the Lettermen's Weekend. On Saturday there will be a luncheon at Thompson-Boling Arena for all Lettermen with doors opening around 11-11:30 a.m. Not finalized on time details at this time.

April for Lettermen's Spring Fling

The Lettermen's weekend in April has not be finalized yet, although it has been set for mid-April. Watch this page for more details in our next couple of issues, as we will pass that information on to you as it becomes available. Again the annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, but the site is still yet to be determined. The committee is still researching over a couple of different sites.

Saturday's activities will include the Orange and White game, as well as other other men's and women's sports teams participating that weekend.

Looking for Lettermen

The tradition of Tennessee athletics is long and storied, as are the numbers of athletes who have played here. What we are still lacking is a way to link the past with the present. There are literally hundreds of former Vols out there who are not a part of the Lettermen's Club, and those are the people we are looking for.

We want to show everyone that Tennessee people both past and present support our student-athletes in every endeavor. If you know of someone who was a lettermen here at the University and they are not a member of the Lettermen's Club, please encourage them to contact us and let us know where they are and how they can be a part of a great tradition.

Lettermen Website

Lettermen now have a way to keep up to date with what is going on inside the University and their organization with the formation of a Lettermen's site on the UT website.

The site will provide us with an opportunity to put more information and pictures that will not fit into this space.

The site is still under construction, but once all is completed, all you have to do to reach the website is go to *www.utsports.com* and double click the Lettermen's Icon located in the left column. We anticipate that this site will be up and running within the next month.

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VASF & MARKETING NEWS

Tennessee Students get in free at Nov. 7 John Ward & Bill Anderson Reception

All University of Tennessee students may use their UT student identification cards to gain admission to seating areas of the "Give 'em Six: A Salute to John Ward and Bill Anderson" gala on Nov. 7. The gala will be held at the Thompson-Boling Arena from noon until 2 p.m. A box lunch, courtesy of Chick-fil-A, will also be available for $4.

The gala celebrates the broadcast careers of the two Vol Network announcers who will retire at the conclusion of the 1998 football season. The program will feature filmed greetings from famous Tennesseans as well as a review of some of Ward's highlight calls during more than three decades as "The Voice of Vols."

There are two types of tickets available for either $6 or $60. The $6 tickets are for seating in the seating areas of the Arena, and a box lunch can be purchased for only $4. The $60 seats are located at tables on the main floor with a good view of the ceremonies. Call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218 for more information.

Free Basketball Shuttle will be Provided for the 1998-99 Regular Season

Once again the athletic department will provide a courtesy shuttle between the Agricultural campus and the Thompson-Boling Arena for all regular season home basketball games. Please note that there are some available "pay-to-park" lots on the main campus on weekends, but not on weeknights due to University evening classes. The majority of "pay-to-park" spaces will be available on the Agricultural campus for the 1998-99 season.

All parking is on a first-come, first-served basis for the two basketball exhibition games (Nov. 5 and Nov. 9) and is only $3. Contact Claire Stone in the VASF office for more information at (423) 974-1218.

The Memphis/Shelby County Big Orange Club hosts Heath Shuler on Nov. 10

Vol fans of West Tennessee, here is your chance to get up close and personal with a Volunteer legend. The Memphis/Shelby County Big Orange Club will hold a meeting on Nov. 10, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, located at 939 Ridge Lake Boulevard in Memphis, to honor former UT Volunteer and two-year starting quarterback Heath Shuler. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a light social and hors d'oeuvres, with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to this unique opportunity are only $5 and may be purchased by contacting Peggy Duke at (901) 685-2189.

Baseball Banquet

The 1999 Leadoff Banquet is approaching. Reserve your tickets today for the Feb. 1 event to be held at Thompson-Boling Arena. Former Los Angeles Dodgers centerfielder Brett Butler will be this year's keynote speaker. Tickets are $25 per person or $200 for a table seating eight. Corporate tables are $275 for seven guests and one Vol baseball player or coach. Corporate table-holders also receive a special pre-banquet reception with Butler. The food will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. For more information or to reserve your space, call the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

The First Basketball Games are Quickly Approaching

The Vols open at home with two exhibition games before heading to New Mexico to take on perennial national power Arizona in an early-season test.

But first the Vols must face the California All-Stars on Thursday, Nov. 5 with a 7:30 tip. Four days later (Monday, Nov. 9), they will face the Hungarian national team also at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available.

Call the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 to order. You may charge by phone with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover card if you like.

Basketball Big Game Packages Available

The 1998-99 Big Game Package contains four of Tennessee's toughest home game opponents for only $48. All of these games are on Saturdays and there is no guessing where your seats will be each game as these tickets are for the same seats all four games. Watch as the Vols take on the South Carolina Gamecocks (Jan. 9), the Alabama Crimson Tide (Jan. 30), the Vanderbilt Commodores (Feb. 13) and the defending National Champion Kentucky Wildcats (Feb. 23). *THIS KENTUCKY GAME WILL BE JOHN WARD'S FINAL HOME BROADCAST.*

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Basketball Games and Giveaways Approach

Volunteer fans, here is your chance to see the 1998-99 version of Jerry Green's charges in action. This year's home lidlifter is an exhibition game against the California All-Stars on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Gates will open at 6:30 and the evening has been designated as GTE Wireless Web Saver night. The first 4,000 Vol faithful through the gates will receive a complimentary copy of a Tennessee Volunteers screen saver. It also contains links that utilize one's web browsing software to jump to Tennessee-specific sites on the world wide web.

Following the Vols' tough road match with perennial national power Arizona to open the regular season, the Vol hoopsters will return to the friendly confines of Thompson-Boling Arena on Sunday, Nov. 15 for their first home season contest against the Tennessee State Tigers beginning at 3 p.m. WVLT will sponsor schedule magnet day as well. Free 1998-99 Tennessee basketball schedule magnets will be distributed to the first 7,000 Vol fans through the gates, which will open at 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Steve Sams

Soccer Advances to SEC Tourney

Before a regional television audience watching on FOX Sports South on Sunday afternoon, the Lady Vol soccer team clinched a spot in the Southeastern Conference Tournament with a thrilling 3-2 triumph over 25th-rated Georgia. The victory was Tennessee's first ever over a ranked opponent and also denied the Bulldogs a spot in the league tourney. Head coach Charlie MacCabe's team moves to 10-7 overall and 5-3 in the SEC, its best league mark ever, while Georgia drops to 10-5-1 and 4-4 in the SEC.

Freshman Tara Minnax opened the scoring at 17:29 by following up a shot taken by sophomore Laura Lauter. The Lady Vols pushed the margin to 2-0 three minutes later, as Minnax tallied her second of the afternoon off a direct kick taken by sophomore Kelly Berrall. The goal was the rookie's fifth on the campaign.

Georgia trimmed the lead in half at 23:28 when senior Jen Lewis scored from 10 yards out off a feed from classmate Jen Ahern. Ahead 2-1 at the break, Tennessee outshot the Bulldogs, 8-5, during the first 45 minutes.

Junior Kendyl Michner used a great second effort to put the Orange and White up, 3-1, as the midfielder banged in a rebound off a shot taken by Lauter for her eighth goal of 1998.

Georgia narrowed the gap to 3-2 with 17:15 remaining in the match as senior Sue Weathersbee scored off assists from classmates Allison Thornbury and Stephanie Yarem. On the afternoon, Lauter paced the UT offensive attack with nine shots and a pair of assists, as the Lady Vols maintained an 18-16 advantage in shots.

Freshman goalkeeper Ellen Dean made five saves to notch her school-record ninth win of the season. The rookie from Memphis also improved to 5-2 in league games.

Swim Team Routs Wildcats

The University of Tennessee women's swimming and diving team opened up the 1998-99 season with a 140-103 victory over the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on Friday. The Lady Vols saw a total of 10 first-place finishes, including three NCAA Championships B standard times.

Junior transfer Teresa Moodie recorded two individual first-place performances in her first meet as a Lady Vol. She topped the competition in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle, posting NCAA B standard qualifying times in both events. Her 50y free time of 23.37 seconds was also a new pool record.

Freshman Monica Shannahan claimed first place in two events at her first collegiate meet. She recorded the top time in the 200-yard individual medley and in the 200-yard breaststroke, adding 18 points to the Lady Vol effort. Shannahan also finished second in the 200-yard butterfly with an NCAA provisional time of 2:00.79, moving her into fourth place on the list of all-time Lady Vol performers.

Two additional Lady Vols posted first-place swimming performances. Freshman Elizabeth Philp finished first in the 200-yard freestyle and sophomore Pam Hanson took first in the 200y backstroke. In the two diving events, sophomore Jane Woodard finished first on the 1-meter springboard and senior Kathy Pesek claimed the top slot on the 3-meter. The Lady Vols also notched wins in both relay events, the 400y medley and the 400y freestyle.

In Other News

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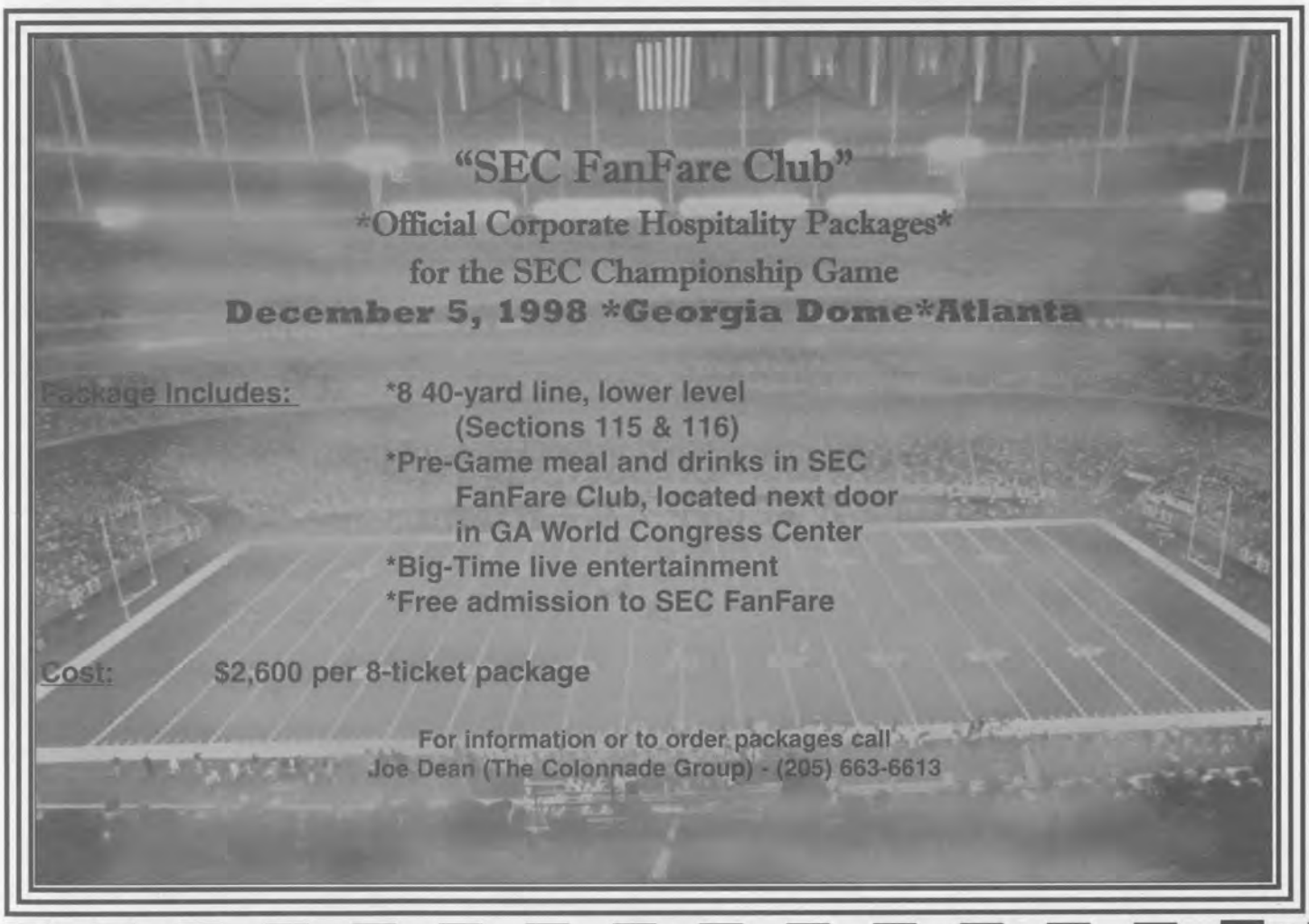

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Head coach Bill Webb can sum up Tennessee's track history in one sentence. "We have won three NCAA Championships and more conference championships in track and field and cross country than any other school; we have a great tradition."

Tennessee landed top recruits from across the country. "We certainly strengthened the team by recruiting nine state champs," Webb said. "But we are also excited about some of our other recruits and the return of seven athletes from redshirt or injuries."

Look for the Vols to be very competitive in the decathlon, pole vault, steeplechase and high hurdles. Senior Tom Pappas, an All-America in 1997, and senior Pat Buckheit, a 1998 All-America, will be counted on to provide leadership in the decathlon. Jeremy Racey will also be a factor at the national level.

In the steeplechase, two-time All-America Doug Ellington and Anthony Famiglietti, a junior, is new to the Volunteer program. After transferring from Appalachian State, he has already proven himself during the cross country season. Transfer Jon Jamison and junior Brock Smith will provide the Vols even more depth in the distance events.

Junior Russ Johnson, All-America in 1998 and currently ranked 33rd in the world, will be a leader in the pole vault competition, and Pappas, Clint Binder and Tim O'Hare will be competitive both in and out of the conference. As good as Tennessee may be in those events, high hurdles could prove to be the Vols' greatest strengths. Two-time All-America Dawane Wallace returns to compete in the 55M and 110M hurdles and defend his SEC high hurdles championships. Jason Waters will return after redshirting last year, and Pappas and Anthony Thompson will give Tennessee an abundance of talent.

Sprint Coach Vince Anderson is pleased with the steady development of his speedsters this year and believes that Tennessee sprinters are poised to be extremely competitive in SEC and NCAA action.

Additionally, coaches expect quality depth with Kevin Thompson, Hassan Stamps, Dwayne Bell and Teddy Gaines joining Justin Devine, Russell Frye, and Ryan Douglas, creating a formidable mile relay team.

The Vols lost some big-time performers, but don't be surprised to see newcomers Toby Colyer and Tyler Garrett team up with Todd Kisty, Lance Jauron, Scott Perkinson and 1998 All-America Darwin Walker to help ease the loss in field events.

Diondre Jackson and Tim Bell will be very competitive in the high jump, as both have personal bests over 7'3." Look for additional contributions from Rondell Mershon and Jason Waters in the triple jump, senior Grant Cleghorn in the decathlon and hurdles, Karl Jennings in the hurdles and sophomore Tyrone Graham, along with Frye, freshmen Leonard Scott, Camron Howard and Gaines in the sprint events. Howard provides the Vols with great talent in the long jump and Stamps will contribute greatly in intermediate hurdles.

"This is an improved team from last year, and we plan to finish better in both indoor and outdoor meets this season," Webb said. "In order to improve, we have to continue to recruit world-class athletes that can compete in the nation's best track and field conference."

— Matt Dortch

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The 1998 Mercedes-Benz Women's Collegiate Championships returned to Knoxville with as much anticipation and excitement as 1997's inaugural event. The 54-hole golf tournament attracted a 17-team field which included 11 squads that were positioned among the top 25 nationally in the preseason MasterCard rankings. The tournament host Lady Vols anticipated a strong finish at the Gettysvue Polo, Golf and Country Club and were ready to tackle the hilly layout.

The sun and warm weather came out on the first day and never disappeared. The University of Tulsa and Duke's Filippa Hansson took the early lead after the first round. The Golden Hurricane turned in two individual scores of par or under, including Niina Laitinen's 71 to place her tied for second on the day. The individual lead belonged to Hansson who carded a round of 70 to help move the defending champion Blue Devils into third place.

It was the round of the freshmen on the first day for the Lady Vols. Freshmen Young-A Yang and Tina Schneeberger lead the way as the team ended tied for ninth with Ohio State. The duo fired rounds of 77 to sit tied for 18th. Senior Jessica Lindbergh, junior Stacey Bergman and sophomore Anna Umemura rounded out the Tennessee first effort.

Records fell on day two as Tulsa cruised to a 10-stroke lead with the help of Stacy Pramanasduh's 70 for the individual lead. A total of three of the top four players were members of the Golden Hurricane unit. But, the big day belonged to Georgia's Shauna Estes who fired a new tournament low round with a 6-under 66, jumping from 65th to 13th in the standings. Estes and the Bulldog team totaled 288 on the day, posted a new team low round of 289 to move to third place.

"I think one of the key things about this course is to look at it as 18 one-hole golf courses," Estes said after hitting seven birdies in the second round. "You have to look at it that way because every hole demands your full concentration."

The Lady Vols moved into 11th place on the second day. Yang continued to lead the Tennessee push, firing a two-over 74 in the second round for a portion of 17th place. Lindbergh improved with a round of 75, stepping into a share of the 31st slot.

After a four-hole playoff, Tulsa's Prammanasudh parred the fourth hole for the individual title on the final day. But, it was the incredible play on the last 18 by top-ranked Duke that captured everyone's attention. The Blue Devils made up 24 strokes to continue their reign at Gettysvue and maintain an undefeated season.

"I think this tournament was won on the last six or seven holes," said Duke head coach Dan Brooks. "I think it was just guts and the team was excited about the thought of winning. They stayed loose and took the approach of 'wouldn't it be fun to win.'"

Tennessee was once again lead by Yang who cracked the top 10 for the first time on the season, helping the team to a 10th-place finish. Bergman posted four birdies in the final round, with three coming in her final nine holes, to end tied for 37th. Lindbergh and Schneeberger both tied at 43rd and Umemura rounded out the team performance with an 89th-place finish.

"It was a great tournament and it was unbelievable to see all of the support we had," said Lady Vol head coach Lori Brock. "I am disappointed we didn't show the fans what we had, but we are young and we can keep working and building on what we have."

The Lady Vols return to action Nov. 6-8 for the Golf World - Palmetto Dunes Collegiate in Hilton Head, S.C.

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Faces in Big Orange Country

A Tampa, Fla., product, **Derrick Edmonds** seems to have found his place in the UT secondary. Edmonds has played both on the offensive and defensive side of the football. During his first two seasons with the Vols Edmonds rushed for 56 yards on 22 carries. Midway through last season Edmonds was moved to the defensive side to help boaster a thin secondary. It has proven to be fruitful as Edmonds has played in every game this season at the cornerback position has accounted for 31 total tackles (19 solos), 1 recovered fumble and an interception, as well as playing on special teams. Edmonds was rated as the No. 5 defensive back coming out of the Southeast Region according to Blue Chip Illustrated, while earning all-state, all-district, all-conference, and All-Sun Coast honors during his senior campaign.

Junior **Mindy Watkins** has been pivotal in the Lady Volunteer cross country team's success and national top-25 ranking during the 1998 season. A consistent competitor, she has finished in the top six individually in every race she has run this year. Additionally, she set a personal best time at the Saluki Invitational in early October with a clocking of 17:27.77. Then, on Oct. 16, her second-place overall finish in a field of 186 runners at the Florida Intercollegiate Championships earned her Lady Vol Athlete of the Week honors. Watkins, a native of Canastota, N.Y., and graduate of Canastota High School, is majoring in psychology and was a member of last spring's SEC and Lady Vol Academic Honor Rolls.

He earned his first career individual dual meet win in 1996 against South Carolina on the 3M diving with a 355.65 point total. **Chip Chiappetta** hails from Shelbyville, Ky., where he was the 1993 high school state champ in diving and finished second during his senior season. Chiappetta earned his second individual wins against TCU last season on both 1M and 3M, and helped the Vols during the SEC Championships where he reached the finals in two events. He claimed a pair of fourth-place finishes at Georgia with 266.62 in the 1M 282.07 in the 3M. He completed the dual meet season with a pair of third-place finishes versus Florida to help the Vols take the top three spots in both diving events versus the Gators. Chiappetta has earned SEC Honor Roll recognition the past two seasons.

After spending her freshman season at Mississippi State, defender **Kassie Kees** transferred to UT as head coach Charlie MacCabe was putting together the school's first team. From the moment she arrived in Knoxville, Kees has been an indispensable member of the Lady Vols. In 1997, she became one of the first two UT players ever to earn All-SEC accolades, and she also repeated as the squad's Most Valuable Player. In addition, the Brentwood, Tenn., native became the first Lady Vol to be tabbed as the SEC's Soccer Player of the Week. This year, Kees has guided the Orange and White to its best league mark ever (5-3) and a berth into the SEC Tournament. Although statistics do not indicate how well a defender plays, the 5-4 senior has anchored a Lady Vol defense which has recorded six shutouts. A fixture on the Academic All-SEC Honor Roll, Kees will graduate next May with a degree in marketing.

The Last Word...

Bobby Lippert

There will be a missing link, if you will, on the University of Tennessee "Chain Gang" on the east side of Shields-Watkins Field when the Vols line up against Alabama-Birmingham on Nov. 7. The crew's leader, Knoxvillian Bobby Lippert, died the day after the Tennessee-Alabama game at Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, leaving behind a host of friends with a host of good memories.

You weren't around Knoxville sports very long without running into Bobby Lippert. For my part, it goes back to my time with the Mayor's Office when Bobby was superintendent of athletics for the city, supervising one of the largest youth football leagues in the country. We were working with some really wonderful people, including Maynard Glenn, Cotton Jackson and Nancy Walls, widow of former UT geology professor Dr. Jimmy Walls. It was a vintage time for all of us.

It was equally vintage time when Bobby started as an events manager for the Knoxville Sports Corporation. Like my good friend John DeBakker, Bobby was a regular visitor to the office of our little "Publishing Empire" here at Volunteers Magazine, always looking like he belonged here. And, in a sense, he was really a part of us. He was that good a guy.

A graduate of Knoxville's West High School and Lincoln Memorial University, Bobby served as assigning officer for high school sports in the East Tennessee area for baseball, basketball and football. He was also an official of some considerable stature for many years. He was the type official most coaches loved to see walk on the field, because he knew the rules and, perhaps more importantly, he knew how to apply them on the field.

In fact, the last time I saw Bobby, he was the umpire at the West-Austin-East game back in October.

He was named "Distinguished Official" by the T.S.S.A.A. in 1997.

He was part of the "Chain Gang" for over 20 years at Neyland Stadium, supervising an eight-man operation that worked game after game like a finely tuned watch. He worked closely with the head linesman at each game, recording penalties and timeouts for the official SEC record of the game.

Bobby Lippert was a familiar face in the Knoxville sports community, particularly on the Shields-Watkins Field east sidelines on the "Chain Gang."

Gus Manning remembered Bobby as "highly organized and reliable" in his capacity down on the field and those adjectives describe his reaction to anything he undertook.

He wanted things done the right way and they always were, despite occasional roadblocks that might have been thrown in his way. He took it all with his characteristic good humor. He wasn't, however, afraid to make the tough decisions when they had to be made. That's the kind of man he was.

Lippert worked with National Junior Pro Basketball as Assistant National Director, supervising tournament play for 1,400 teams involving over 14,000 youngsters.

Bobby earned the Amateur Football Award from the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame and we had a good laugh thinking about what Glenn, his former boss, had said in response when he received the same award years earlier. I can't repeat what the straight-talking Maynard Glenn might have said verbatim, but Bobby and I came to the same conclusion almost simultaneously. Bobby was grateful to have been honored and never let me forget how much he appreciated being remembered by the East Tennessee Chapter.

How do we remember the impact of a life of service to the community, a life which helped others to develop in so many ways. Think about that famous poem Tom Elam used to recite and how it applies to Bobby Lippert. Think of what his life meant to so many people in our community. This, ladies and gentlemen, was Bobby Lippert, a big man, who cast a big shadow of influence across our community. Listen as his life passes in review.

"An old man, going a lone highway, Came at the evening, cold and gray, To a chasm, vast and deep and wide, Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

"The old man crossed in the twilight dim That sullen stream had no fears for him; But he turned when he reached the other side, And built a bridge to span the tide.

"'Old man,' said a fellow pilgrim near, 'You're wasting your strength in building here. Your journey will end with the ending day; You never again must pass this way.

"'You have crossed the chasm deep and wide Why build you this bridge and eventide?'"

"The builder lifted his old gray head. 'Good friend in the path that I have come,' he said,' There followeth after me today A youth whose feet must pass this way. This chasm that has been naught to me To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.

"'He too must pass in the twilight dim. Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.'"

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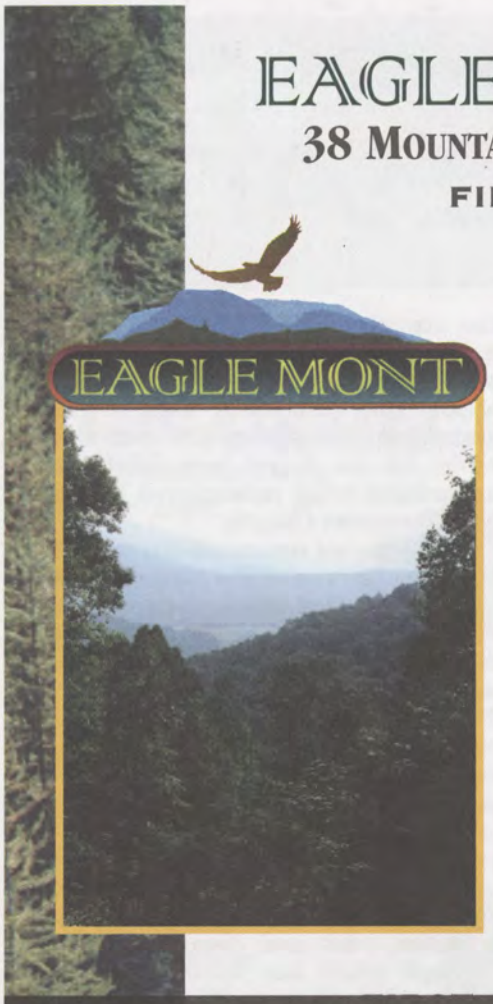

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